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WISBECH PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1968

SECTION I - Staff

TABLE A

No change

SECTION II - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number inspected By the M.O.H.	Number inspected By the P.H.I.	Number of ships reported as having or having had, during voyage, infectious disease on board
Foreign ports	301	60,500 140,410	Nil	92	Nil
Coastwise	60	16,887 49,721	Nil	15	Nil
Total	361	77,387 190,131	Nil	107	Nil

SECTION III - Character of shipping and trade during the year

TABLE C

Passenger traffic	Number of passengers	Inwards: Nil
	Number of passengers	Outwards: Nil
Cargo traffic	Principal imports:	Petroleum, timber, potash, maize and fertilisers
	Principal exports:	Barley, peas, beans, bricks and oats
Principal ports from which ships arrive:	Immingham, Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Thames, Wismar, Gdansk, Karlshamn, Kristinenstad, Boston, Leningrad, Hamburg and Hull	

SECTION IV - Inland barge traffic

Number using the district
Tonnage
Places served

None during the year

SECTION V - Water supply

No change

SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

No change

SECTION VII - Smallpox

(1) Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:

Smallpox Hospital, Ipswich.

(2) Arrangements for transport of such cases to that hospital by ambulance, giving the name of the Authority responsible for the ambulance and the vaccinal state of the ambulance crews:

In the event of there being a suspected case, the Officer in Charge of the Ambulance Station, Ipswich, telephone number Ipswich 56407, would be contacted. He would make all necessary arrangements for the ambulance and be responsible for ensuring that any necessary vaccination or disinfection of the ambulance crew was carried out.

(3) Names of smallpox consultants available:

	Telephone No.			
	Office		Home	
Dr. J. D. Kershaw	Colchester	5101	Colchester	73176
Dr. W. A. Oliver	Norwich	23111	Norwich	53535
Dr. G. Nisbit (Isle of Ely)	Peterborough	2489	Peterborough	2896
Dr. A. R. Darlow (West Cambridge)	Bedford	68211	Bedford	68124

(4) Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of smallpox:

In the event of laboratory diagnosis being required, reference would be made to the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge.

SECTION VIII - Venereal Disease

No change

SECTION IX - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases on ships

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but which have been disposed of before arrival	-	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships	-	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of malaria in ships

No cases of malaria have occurred

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SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with, or suspected for, plague

There were no ships infected with, or suspected for, plague

SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports

(1) Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:

The Public Health Inspector, as a normal measure, makes an inspection of ships from foreign ports. Should the presence of rats be found, or suspected, he would take any necessary action.

(2) Arrangements for the bacteriological or pathological examination of rodents, with special reference to rodent plague, including the number of rodents sent for examination during the year:

Any case coming under this heading would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Tennis Court Road, Cambridge. No rodents were sent for examination during the year.

(3) Arrangements in the district for deratting ships, the methods used and, if done by a commercial contractor, the name of the contractor:

The deratting of ships is the responsibility of the Public Health Inspector, who uses the fumigation method and/or poison bait method.

(4) Progress in the rat-proofing of ships:

TABLE E

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports

Category	Number
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with plague	Nil

TABLE F

Deratting certificates and deratting exemption certificates issued during the year for ships from foreign ports

This is not directly applicable as the port is not an "approved port" or a "designated approved port", but there is an agreement whereby the Port Health Inspectors of the Borough of Wisbech act as the agents of King's Lynn Borough Council in the issue of deratting exemption certificates for the port of Wisbech.

During the year nineteen deratting exemption certificates were issued for ships from foreign ports.

SECTION XIII - Inspection of ships for nuisances

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices

Nature and number of inspections		Notices served: Statutory notices	Notices served: Other notices	Result of serving notices
Routine	107	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total	107	Nil	Nil	Nil

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations, 1934 and 1948

No change

SECTION XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens

No change

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous

No change

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